for conversion from lease-hold to free-hold and whether the conversion free would be divided among the different allottees of the multi-storeyed flats proportionately; and

(e) if the conversion is done, to whom the plot on which the multi-storeyed flat is built, would belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) While the Government has taken a decision, the lease administering authorities are to issue formal notices.

(c) to (e) Conversion to freehold is permissible to allottees of flats in multistoreyed flats allotted by D.D.A., on payment of prescribed charges and this has nothing to do with the status of land except the change of its tenure from leasehold to freehold. There is national proportionate share of each flat owner in the plot.

Conversion of Janta flats into Commercial Establishment

4327. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3475 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the process of conversion of Janta Flats into commercial establishments is going on unabated at a fast rate and the pocket is full of sign boards of "property dealers"; and

(b) what steps are being taken to dismantle the unauthorised extensions in the pocket and arrest the activities of commercial ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Show cause notices for removal of such misuse are being issued under the relevant provisions of the Delhi Development Act, 1957. At a subsequent stage, the allotments could be cancelled, leases terminated, and the occupants evicted if the misuse does not case.

Demolition of encroachments in Basant village

4328. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 999 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the removal of illegal encroachment of Public thoroughfare and Delhi Development Authorities park in Basant village, New Delhi under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to expedite action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is reported to be a court stay in this case and the same will be taken up in the court of sub-judge, Delhi on 20-5-1992. Further action in the matter can be taken after the judgement of the Court.

Nursing Homes/Guest Houses running in residential areas

4329. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Nursing Houses and Guest Houses are operating in residential areas;

(b) whether this is in violation of the Master Plan;

(c) whether it is proposed to regularize such occupation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not proposed to regularise such occupation on long term basis.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property

4330. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any property requisitioned under the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952 and its Amendment Act, 1970 lays down that the Central Government would released/ derequisition any property requisitioned u/s 6 of the said Act on or before the expiry of a period of 15 years from such requisition; if so, what are the details thereof.

(b) whether Government have ordered the release of such properties still under illegal occupation of the MCD in spite of vacation orders and expiry of a period of 15 years for derequisition mentioned in part (a) above; if so, what are the details of orders; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir, by on amendment made in 1980 (35 of 1980) in the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952, a provision was made that any property could be held in requsition for a maximum period of 15 years. However, some properties which were with Ministry of Defence, erstwhile Ministry of Works & Housing and Delhi Admn. etc. were still required for public use even after the expiry of this date. Therefore, by an Ordinance in 1985 (2 of 85) this period for whichproperty could be requisitioned was raised by 2 years. Subsequently, this Ordinance was replaced by an Amendment Act, 1985.

(b) and (c) While the Government has not issued individual orders for release of requisitioned property, it is upto the concerned requisitioning agency to take action as per the existing provision of the Act.

4331. [*Transferred to the 26th March*, 1992.]

Plan to flow water towards desert area of Rajasthan

4332. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to divert the flow of rivers and canals towards the sesert areas of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) National Water Development Agency has under the National Perspective of Water Resources Development, recently taken up a broad based study of the Himalayan Rivers Development component which *inter-alia* envisages diversion of surplus monsoon waters from River Ganga and its estern tributaries to the water short areas of Rajasthan also. Their report is expected to be available by the end of the 8th Plan.

Command area development project

4333. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government to assist and strengthen the activities of irrigation and agriculture under Command Area Development project in Kota and Bikaner Divisions of Rajasthan;